

# CHARACTERIZATION OF THE ATMOSPHERE OF THE HOT JUPITER HAT-P-32Ab AND THE M-DWARF COMPANION HAT-P-32B

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## ABSTRACT

We report secondary eclipse photometry of the hot Jupiter HAT-P-32Ab, taken with Hale/WIRC in  $H$  and  $K_S$  bands and with *Spitzer*/IRAC at 3.6 and 4.5  $\mu\text{m}$ . We carried out adaptive optics imaging of the planet host star HAT-P-32A and its companion HAT-P-32B in the near-IR and the visible. We clearly resolve the two stars from each other and find a separation of  $2''.923 \pm 0''.004$  and a position angle  $110^\circ.64 \pm 0^\circ.12$ . We measure the flux ratios of the binary in  $g'r'i'z'$  and  $H$  &  $K_S$  bands, and determine  $T_{\text{eff}} = 3565 \pm 82$  K for the companion star, corresponding to an M1.5 dwarf. We use PHOENIX stellar atmosphere models to correct the dilution of the secondary eclipse depths of the hot Jupiter due to the presence of the M1.5 companion. We also improve the secondary eclipse photometry by accounting for the non-classical, flux-dependent nonlinearity of the WIRC IR detector in the  $H$  band. We measure planet-to-star flux ratios of  $0.090 \pm 0.033\%$ ,  $0.178 \pm 0.057\%$ ,  $0.364 \pm 0.016\%$ , and  $0.438 \pm 0.020\%$  in the  $H$ ,  $K_S$ , 3.6 and 4.5  $\mu\text{m}$  bands, respectively. We compare these with planetary atmospheric models, and find they prefer an atmosphere with a temperature inversion and inefficient heat redistribution. However, we also find that the data are equally well-described by a blackbody model for the planet with  $T_p = 2042 \pm 50$  K. Finally, we measure a secondary eclipse timing offset of  $0.3 \pm 1.3$  min from the predicted mid-eclipse time, which constrains  $e = 0.0072^{+0.0700}_{-0.0064}$  when combined with RV data and is more consistent with a circular orbit.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

Secondary eclipses (occultations) of transiting planets occur when the planet passes behind its host star. Observations of these events in the infrared allow us to directly detect thermal emission from these planets, providing an unparalleled opportunity to study the chemistry and physics of exoplanetary atmospheres. When measured at multiple wavelengths with high precision, the emission spectrum of a planet can be used to characterize planetary atmospheric temperature-pressure structure, chemistry, and heat recirculation (e.g., Burrows et al. 2006; Barman 2008; Fortney et al. 2008; Line & Yung 2013; Madhusudhan et al. 2014). To date, de-

tections of thermal emission have been made for more than fifty planets, most of which were obtained using the *Spitzer Space Telescope*. Since 2009, however, *Spitzer* has exhausted its cryogen and has been limited to observing in only the 3.6 and 4.5  $\mu\text{m}$  bands. Ground-based observations have recently emerged as another important tool to measure secondary eclipses, providing highly complementary wavelength coverage to that of *Spitzer* and even the *Hubble Space Telescope* (e.g., Alonso et al. 2009; Gillon et al. 2009; Gibson et al. 2010; Croll et al. 2010a,b, 2011; Cáceres et al. 2011; Zhao et al. 2012a,b; Deming et al. 2012; Bean et al. 2013; Wang et al. 2013; O’Rourke et al. 2014; Shporer et al. 2014; Chen et al. 2014). Because ground-based near-IR observations generally probe different layers of planetary atmospheres, they can provide important constraints and break degeneracies among differing temperature-pressure profiles and compositions (e.g., Madhusudhan & Seager 2010; Madhusudhan et al. 2011).

In addition to studying planetary atmospheres, the timing of the secondary eclipse relative to that of the primary transit also provides a tight constraint on  $e \cos \omega$ , where  $e$  is the planet’s orbital eccentricity and  $\omega$  is the longitude of periastron. When combined with radial velocity observations, secondary eclipse timing data can reduce the uncertainty in the estimated eccentricity by a factor of  $\sim 10$  (e.g., Lewis et al. 2013; Knutson et al. 2014). Precisely measured eccentricities allow for better estimates of planetary mass and radius (e.g., Madhusudhan & Winn 2009), and can provide important information to the tidal circularization process. This may in turn

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shed light on the nature of the inflated radii observed in a subset of hot Jupiters (e.g., [Bodenheimer et al. 2001](#); [Miller et al. 2009](#)).

A majority of the secondary eclipse observations obtained to date have focused on a class of short-period gas giant planets known as “hot Jupiters”. This is due to their high temperatures and large radii, which result in particularly favorable planet-star flux ratios. Previous studies of hot Jupiters have revealed that they are in fact a heterogeneous group. Some planets seem to have a temperature inversion layer caused by unknown absorber in their upper atmospheres, while other planets seem to lack such an inversion layer (e.g., [Fortney et al. 2008](#); [Burrows et al. 2008](#); [Madhusudhan et al. 2014](#); [Line et al. 2014](#)). [Knutson et al. \(2010\)](#) found a correlation between stellar activity and the presence/absence of thermal inversions. They suggested that increased far UV flux from active stars might destroy the compounds responsible for the formation of the observed temperature inversions, preventing inversions from forming in planets orbiting chromospherically active stars. In addition, [Madhusudhan \(2012\)](#) suggested that super-solar C/O ratios ( $C/O > 1$ ) may explain the lack of inversions in some planets.

Hot Jupiters experience strong irradiation from their host stars due to their close-in and tidally-locked orbits. The resulting heat on the dayside can be redistributed to the nightside by strong zonal winds ([Showman et al. 2008](#)). [Cowan & Agol \(2011\)](#) found that hot Jupiters with temperatures  $\gtrsim 2400$  K usually have very low global recirculation efficiency and large day-night temperature contrasts, while cooler planets have a wider variety of recirculation efficiencies. [Perez-Becker & Showman \(2013\)](#) reproduced this observed trend using a shallow-water model, and found that the transition between low and efficient heat redistribution depends on the timescale of gravity wave propagation, among other timescales.

Among the large number of transiting exoplanets discovered to date, the hot Jupiter HAT-P-32Ab, discovered by [Hartman et al. \(2011\)](#) with HATNet, stands out as one of the three most inflated planets ([Wright et al. 2011](#)). Its abnormally large radius ( $R_p = 1.798 R_{Jup}$  or  $2.037 R_{Jup}$ , depending on the eccentricity) is difficult to explain even with ohmic heating in its interior ([Wu & Lithwick 2013](#); [Huang & Cumming 2012](#)). HAT-P-32Ab orbits a late-type F dwarf at 0.034 AU with a period of 2.15 days ([Hartman et al. 2011](#)). The orbit is highly misaligned and lies almost in the same plane as the spin axis of the star ( $\lambda = 85^\circ \pm 1^\circ$ ) ([Albrecht et al. 2012](#)). Its host star has a high radial velocity jitter of  $64 \pm 10$  m s<sup>-1</sup> ([Knutson et al. 2014](#)). The origin of the host star’s high jitter is unclear, although it could be due to convective inhomogeneities on the stellar surfaces that vary in time, or due to perturbations from an unseen body in the system ([Saar et al. 1998](#)). The eccentricity of the planetary orbit was poorly constrained because of the high velocity jitter, resulting in two sets of orbital and planetary properties depending strongly on the eccentricity. The circular orbit solution is preferred by statistical tests and the short tidal circularization timescale of the system ( $t_{tidal} \sim 3 - 5$  Myr, much shorter than the  $> 2$  Gyr age of the system) ([Hartman et al. 2011](#); [Zhang et al. 2013](#)). [Seeliger et al. \(2014\)](#) observed 45 transits of HAT-P-32Ab to search for transit timing variations (TTV), and found

no evidence for any perturbations to the hot Jupiter’s orbit from a nearby planetary companion.

Using adaptive optics (AO) imaging in the  $K_S$  band, [Adams et al. \(2013\)](#) detected a candidate M-dwarf companion at a distance of  $\sim 2''9$  with a magnitude difference of  $\Delta K_S = 3.4$ , contributing  $\sim 4\%$  of the light in  $K_S$  that slightly dilutes the transit signal of the planet. Meanwhile, [Knutson et al. \(2014\)](#) detected a radial velocity trend of  $-33 \pm 10$  m s<sup>-1</sup> yr<sup>-1</sup> in the system using long-term radial velocimetry, and [Ngo et al. \(in preparation\)](#) confirmed the physically associated stellar companion HAT-P-32B using proper motion measurements from AO imaging. While the velocity jitter might be partially explained by contamination from the M-dwarf, the long-term velocity trend cannot be explained by the companion star due to its large separation of  $\sim 830$  AU, but requires an inner body at 3.5-21 AU from the planet host star with a projected mass ( $M \sin i$ ) between 5-500  $M_{Jup}$ .

The hot Jupiter HAT-P-32Ab is very suitable for atmospheric characterization using both secondary eclipses and transmission spectroscopy thanks to its large radius, high temperature, and large atmospheric scale height. [Gibson et al. \(2013\)](#) obtained a low-resolution transmission spectrum in the visible and found a featureless spectrum. The flat spectrum of the planet’s terminator can be explained by clouds in the upper atmosphere or a clear atmosphere with trace amounts of TiO, VO, or metal hydrides that mask the Na and K wings in the spectrum.

In this paper we report measurements of HAT-P-32Ab’s thermal emission spectrum in the NIR  $H$ ,  $K_S$  bands from the ground and the 3.6 and 4.5  $\mu$ m bands from *Spitzer*. To facilitate our characterization of the hot Jupiter’s atmosphere, we also obtain high-angular resolution AO imaging of the double star system to characterize both stellar components and to correct for the dilution of the secondary eclipse depths. In Section 2 we present our observations and data reduction procedures. In Section 3 we describe our analysis of the AO images, the characterization of the M dwarf companion, the analysis of HAT-P-32Ab’s secondary eclipse light curves, and corrections to its diluted eclipse depths. We then discuss the eccentricity of the planet’s orbit and its atmospheric models in Section 4. Finally, we summarize our results in Section 5.

## 2. OBSERVATIONS AND DATA REDUCTION

### 2.1. Palomar/WIRC Secondary Eclipse Photometry

We observed two secondary eclipses of the hot Jupiter HAT-P-32Ab in  $H$  and  $K_S$  bands on UT 2012 October 03 and 2012 October 31 respectively, using the Wide-field Infra-Red Camera (WIRC) at the Palomar 200-in Hale telescope ([Wilson et al. 2003](#)). The camera had<sup>12</sup> a science grade  $2048 \times 2048$  HAWAII-2 HgCdTe detector with a pixel scale of  $0.2487''/\text{pixel}$ , corresponding to a field of view of  $8.7' \times 8.7'$ . The  $H$ -band observation started roughly 166 min before the predicted mid-eclipse, and ended 226 min after mid-eclipse. The air-mass changed from 1.21 to 1.03 and then back to 1.39

<sup>12</sup> The original HAWAII-2 array used for this study failed in April 2014 due to explosive debonding and separation of the semiconductor from its substrate, and thus is no longer installed on the camera.

during the observation. To minimize systematics, we “stared” at the target throughout the observation and used the active guiding scheme developed in Zhao et al. (2012b) to stabilize the telescope motion and keep the stellar centroids at the same positions. We also defocused the telescope to  $\sim 2''.5$  FWHM to mitigate pixel-to-pixel variations and keep the counts below saturation. Due to the brightness of the target, all images in the  $H$  band were taken with 6 sec exposures and one double-correlated sampling (1 Fowler). A total number of 1131 images were recorded during the 392 min observing period, corresponding to a duty cycle of 26.3% when the readout and centroiding overhead are taken into account. Thirty nine frames had saturated pixels on the target (mostly due to a bright spot on the point spread function caused by astigmatism of the optics) and were thus excluded from subsequent analysis. Forty images with large sudden flux drops due to passing clouds were also excluded. The UTC timestamp of each mid-exposure was converted to the Barycentric Dynamical Time standard ( $\text{BJD}_{\text{TDB}}$ ) following Eastman et al. (2010).

The  $K_S$ -band observation started 205 minutes before the predicted mid-eclipse and ended 267 minutes after the mid-point, following the same observing strategy as in the  $H$ -band. The airmass changed from 1.22 to 1.028 before the target transited the meridian, and went back to 1.83 at the end of the observation. We defocused the telescope to  $\sim 3''$  FWHM to keep the counts below saturation. Still, a few images had saturated pixels on the target due to astigmatism and were excluded in the analysis. We took a total of 1208 non-saturated images with exposures of 8 s exposures during the 472 min observation, corresponding to a duty cycle of 34%.

To reduce the images, we constructed and applied darks, twilight flats, and interpolated the bad pixels following the procedures described in Zhao et al. (2012a). In addition, to better subtract the background in the science images, particularly the reflected thermal background from the optics, we took dithered sky images immediately before and after the secondary eclipses and averaged them after bias subtraction, flat fielding, and normalization to construct a “supersky” frame. The background of each science image was estimated using the normalized “supersky” and was subtracted after applying the flat field. This new step significantly reduced the large-scale background structures and fringe patterns on the detector, particularly the thermal reflections in the  $K_S$  band and the internal fringing in the  $H$  band.

To further reduce detector-related systematics, we implemented a new correction for the non-classical, flux-dependent non-linearity (also known as “reciprocity failure”, Hill et al. 2010; Biesiadzinski et al. 2011a,b) of the HAWAII-2 detector of WIRC. The new calibration improved the precision of the  $H$ -band data whose fluxes suffer from large nonlinearity differences between the wings of the point spread functions (due to low background counts of  $\sim 4\text{K}$ ) and high fluxes of their peaks ( $\gtrsim 31\text{K}$  counts). The precision of the  $K_S$  band data was not improved by this correction, due to the much smaller difference between the sky background ( $\gtrsim 12\text{K}$  counts) and the peak fluxes ( $\lesssim 30\text{K}$ ) (see Appendix for details).

We corrected for time-varying telluric and instrumental effects in both data sets by selecting 9 and 12 reference stars with median fluxes between 0.15 - 1.0 times

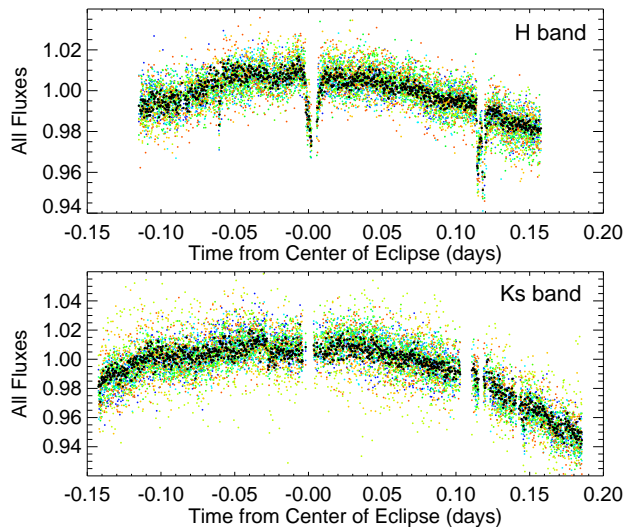
that of HAT-P-32A in the  $H$  and  $K_S$  band, respectively. Fainter stars in the field were excluded due to low signal-to-noise, while stars brighter than the target saturate the detector. Stars were also excluded if they caused significantly increased scatter or correlated noise in the residuals in the subsequent light curve analysis. Transient “hot pixels” outside the photometry aperture were identified using a local  $4\text{-}\sigma$  spatial filter and corrected using a 2-D cubic spline interpolation. We calculated the centroid of each star’s position using the flux-weighted average (or “center-of-light”). The  $x$  and  $y$  positions of the stellar centroid typically varied by less than 3 pixels in the  $H$  band, with a standard deviation of 0.81 pixel in  $x$  and 0.52 pixel in  $y$ . For the  $K_S$  band, we had two software glitches that caused the target to drift away by  $>5$  pixels. We therefore excluded the 54 images affected by the glitches from the analysis. The centroid of the target in the remaining images fluctuated by less than 3 pixels in both  $x$  and  $y$ , with a standard deviation of 0.84 pixel in  $x$  and 0.60 pixel in  $y$ , respectively.

We carried out aperture photometry using elliptical instead of circular apertures to include both the companion M dwarf and the primary star while reducing the encircled background, since the PSFs of the two stars overlap with each other in the WIRC images. We fixed the position angle of the semi-major axis of the ellipse to  $110^\circ$  based on the analysis of our AO images (section 3.1), and used an axial ratio of 1.4 based on estimation of the contour of the PSFs. We applied 48 different aperture sizes with a step of 0.5 pixel for the target and reference stars. The extracted fluxes were normalized to the median of the time series. The median of the reference time series is then taken as the final reference light curve to normalize the flux of HAT-P-32AB to correct for the common-mode systematics stemming from variations of atmospheric transmission, seeing, and airmass, etc. We found that semi-major axes of 30.5 pixels ( $7.625''$ ) and 26.5 pixels ( $6.625''$ ) for the  $H$  and  $K_S$  band, respectively, produced the smallest residuals, and were used as the final photometry apertures. We also experimented with circular apertures and time-varying apertures but found that these resulted in higher scatter in our final light curve. We used elliptical sky annuli with 35-pixel inner and 60-pixel outer semi-major axes in the  $H$ -band, and 30-pixel inner and 53-pixel outer semi-major axes in the  $K_S$ -band, respectively, to fit surfaces to estimate and subtract the residual background for the target and references. Different annulus ranges and sizes were also explored but showed consistent results. Figure 1 shows the normalized raw fluxes of the target and the references in the  $H$  and  $K_S$  bands, respectively.

## 2.2. Spitzer IRAC secondary eclipse photometry

We observed two secondary eclipses of HAT-P-32Ab with the *Spitzer Space Telescope* and the IRAC instrument in the  $3.6\mu\text{m}$  and  $4.5\mu\text{m}$  band on UT 2011 October 20 and UT 2011 October 29 respectively. All observations were taken in the full array mode with  $256 \times 256$  pixels. We obtained 3972 images with an exposure time of 6 sec in the  $3.6\mu\text{m}$  band and 2167 images with an exposure time of 12 s in the  $4.5\mu\text{m}$  band, respectively. The time stamps in the FITS header,  $\text{BJD}_{\text{UTC}}$ , were converted into the Barycentric Dynamical Time standard ( $\text{BJD}_{\text{TDB}}$ ) or the time of our observations following



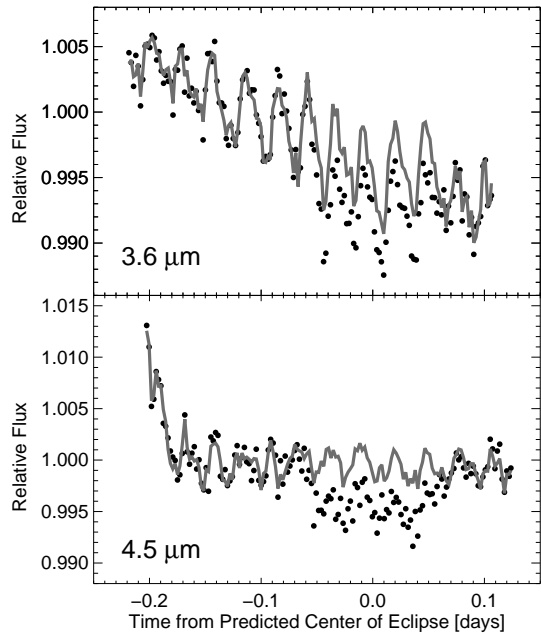


**Figure 1.** Normalized raw light curves of HAT-P-32 in the  $H$  band (top) and  $K_S$  band (bottom) obtained using Palomar/WIRC. The flux of the target is shown in black dots, while the fluxes of the reference stars are shown in colored dots. Data points with large ( $>5\%$ ), sudden flux drops due to passing cirrus (top), or large centroid drifts due to software glitches (bottom) were excluded. Light from the M star companion is also included in our photometric apertures in both bands.

Eastman et al. (2010)<sup>13</sup>.

We extracted photometry from the basic calibrated data (BCD) files generated using version S.19.0.0 of the IRAC pipeline, following the steps described in O’Rourke et al. (2014). Briefly, we first corrected for transient “hot pixels” within a  $20 \times 20$ -pixel box centered on the target. In total, 0.61% and 0.21% of pixels in the  $3.6$  and  $4.5 \mu\text{m}$  bands were corrected, respectively. We then calculated the flux-weighted centroid within 3.5 pixels of the approximate position of the target star to find the center of the stellar PSF. The  $x$  and  $y$  coordinates changed by less than 0.16 and 0.26 pixels, respectively, during our  $3.6$  and  $4.5 \mu\text{m}$  observations.

We experimented with aperture photometry using a time-varying aperture based on the noise-pixel parameter, but we found that fixed photometric apertures gave lower scatter in the final residuals. Because the nearby M-dwarf companion and the planet host star are blended together in *Spitzer* images, we used circular apertures with fixed radii of 3.5 pixels in both bands to include the companion while also minimizing errors in the photometry. For the  $1.21''/\text{pixel}$  size of *Spitzer* IRAC, our circular aperture corresponds to a radius of  $4.24''$ , sufficient to encircle the fluxes from both stars with a separation of  $2.93''$  (see Section 3.1). Apertures with radii of 2.7 and 1.8 pixels ( $3.3''$  and  $2.2''$ ) for our  $3.6$  and  $4.5 \mu\text{m}$  band observations, respectively, produced the lowest scatter in the final residuals, but only included partial flux from the companion star and thus were not used in the final solution. We verified that we obtained consistent eclipse depths and time offsets to within  $1\text{-}\sigma$  using apertures ranging from 1.8 to 4.0 pixels. We also verified that, after correcting for the dilution by the companion (see Section



**Figure 2.** Normalized raw light curves of HAT-P-32 in the *Spitzer*  $3.6 \mu\text{m}$  and  $4.5 \mu\text{m}$  bands. The functions used to correct for intrapixel sensitivity and linear trends in time are overplotted in grey (Section 3.3). Data points are binned in 3 minute intervals. Flux from the faint companion is also included in the photometry.

3.5), the eclipse depths obtained with 3.5-pixel apertures became more consistent with the values obtained with 1.8-pixel apertures. We estimated the background using the  $3\text{-}\sigma$  clipped mean within circular sky annuli with inner and outer radii of 20.0 and 30.0 pixels and 20.0 and 35.0 pixels in the same bands, and obtained consistent values. There were no visible bright stars within these annuli.

We discarded points in our light curves that suffered uncorrected cosmic ray hits within our photometric aperture or significant spatial drift. In total, we discarded 28 and 23 images from our  $3.6$  and  $4.5 \mu\text{m}$  band light curves, respectively. We also trimmed 9 and 7 frames (corresponding to 0.9 min and 1.4 min) from the beginning of our  $3.6$  and  $4.5 \mu\text{m}$  light curves, respectively, in order to avoid effects related to the settling of the telescope at a new pointing. Figure 2 shows the normalized raw light curves of HAT-P-32Ab in both bands.

### 2.3. AO Imaging of HAT-P-32AB

The planet host star HAT-P-32A is in a double star system separated by  $\sim 2''.9$ . To better characterize the planet host star and the planet itself, we carried out AO imaging to resolve the two stars in both visible and near-IR (NIR) wavelengths.

#### 2.3.1. Near-Infrared Adaptive Optics Imaging

We observed HAT-P-32AB in the NIR  $H$  and  $K_S$  bands on 2013 March 02 using the Keck-II AO system (Wizinowich et al. 2000) and the NIRC2 instrument (Instrument PI: Keith Matthews). We used the narrow camera with a scale of  $0.01''/\text{pixel}$  for fine spatial sampling of the point spread function (PSF). We conducted the observation in position angle mode, in which the orientation of the detector was fixed throughout the observa-

<sup>13</sup>  $\text{BJD}_{\text{TDB}} \approx \text{BJD}_{\text{UTC}} + 66.184 \text{ s} + \Delta_{\text{TDB-UT}}$ , where the correction term  $\Delta_{\text{TDB-UT}}$  is only  $\sim 1.6$  ms for the two *Spitzer* epochs. Unlike the WIRC data, the time stamps in the *Spitzer* FITS headers were already in  $\text{BJD}_{\text{UTC}}$ .

tion, instead of using angular differential imaging as the companion was bright enough to be resolved from the primary in this relatively simple observing mode. We used the full array with  $1024 \times 1024$  pixels and the standard three-position dither pattern to assist the subtraction of sky and instrumental background. We took a total of 9 images in the  $H$  band with 5 s integrations and 24 images in the  $K_S$  band with 3 s and 15 s integrations, respectively. The  $K_S$ -band data were the same set reported in Knutson et al. (2014), in which the images were used to place a limit on the presence of massive outer companions at smaller projected separations that could explain the observed radial velocity acceleration. The  $H$  and  $K_S$  images were also included in Ngo et al. (in preparation) as part of their effort to measure the proper motion of both stars.

After initial dark subtraction and flat-field correction using dome flats, we subtracted the averaged sky and instrumental background in each science frame using dithered images at different positions. This worked well as the three dither positions fell on different quadrants on the detector. Figure 3 shows two representative images of the HAT-P-32AB system obtained with NIRC2 in  $H$  and  $K_S$ . We treated each science image individually in the subsequent analysis instead of aligning and co-adding them together as the seeing and PSFs varied significantly from frame to frame. One dither position fell on the lower-left quadrant of the detector with higher bias and read noise level, while another dither position fell too close to the edge of the detector, causing the wing of the companion’s PSF only partially imaged on the detector.

### 2.3.2. Visible Adaptive Optics Imaging

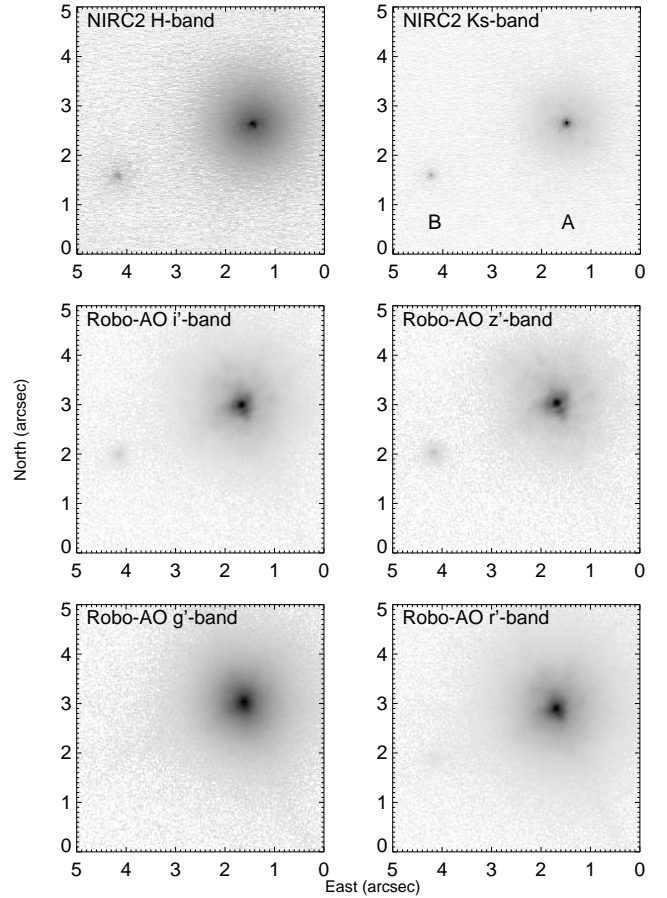
We observed HAT-P-32AB at visible wavelengths on UT 2013 January 20 using the Robo-AO instrument, an autonomous laser-guide-star adaptive-optics imaging system installed on the 60-inch telescope at the Palomar Observatory (Baranec et al. 2013, 2014). Robo-AO provides diffraction-limited full-width-at-half-maximum (FWHM) of  $0''.10 - 0''.15$  and Strehl ratios of 4-26% in the  $i'$ -band with a pixel sampling of  $0''.04353/\text{pixel}$  (Baranec et al. 2014), sufficient to resolve the stellar companion from the primary while providing fine sampling of the PSF. The observation consisted of a sequence of rapid-frame-transfer read-outs at 8.6 frames per second with a total integration time of 90 s in the Sloan Digital Sky Survey (SDSS)  $g'$ ,  $r'$ ,  $i'$ ,  $z'$  bands, respectively.

The images were reduced using the pipeline described in Law et al. (2014). In short, after dark subtraction and flat-fielding using daytime calibrations, the individual images were up-sampled, and then shifted and aligned by cross-correlating with a diffraction-limited PSF. The aligned images were then co-added together using the Drizzle algorithm (Fruchter & Hook 2002) to form a single output frame for each bandpass. The final “drizzled” images have a finer pixel scale of  $0''.02177/\text{pixel}$ . Figure 3 shows the images of HAT-P-32AB obtained with Robo-AO in the  $g'r'i'z'$  bands.

## 3. ANALYSIS AND RESULTS

### 3.1. Analysis of AO images

#### 3.1.1. PSF modeling



**Figure 3.** Adaptive optics imaging of HAT-P-32AB. The binary is well resolved. The F7 primary, HAT-P-32A, is to the right and the fainter companion B is to the left. The top two panels show the Keck-II/NIRC2 images in the near-IR  $H$  &  $K_S$  bands. The bottom and middle panels show the Robo-AO images in the SDSS  $g'$ ,  $r'$ ,  $i'$ ,  $z'$  bands, respectively. The images are scaled by cubic root to reduce the contrast between the two stars so the faint companion can be easily seen in the figure. The images are rotated such that north is up and east is to the left.

We first analyzed the AO images of HAT-P-32AB to determine their separation, position angle, and flux ratios in  $H$  and  $K_S$  bands. Given the well separated PSFs of the two stars in the NIRC2 images, we started with standard aperture photometry of the two stars. However, due to residual instrumental background patterns on the InSb array of NIRC2, the varying and high level of uncorrected bias patterns in the lower-left quadrant of the detector where one dither position fell on, and a partially imaged PSF wing in the third dither position, we were unable to obtain reliable flux ratio measurements. Instead, we determined the flux ratios using PSF model fitting. Nonetheless, the separation and position angle can still be robustly determined using aperture photometry and they are consistent with those determined from PSF modeling within  $1-\sigma$ .

We constructed PSF models for both stars simultaneously using a joint Gaussian and Moffat PSF function, following a similar approach to the one used in Bechter et al. (2014). The Gaussian function is used to characterize the core of the PSF, while the Moffat function is used to trace the extended PSF wing (or halo). This joint function can model the effects of tip/tilt and focal anisopla-

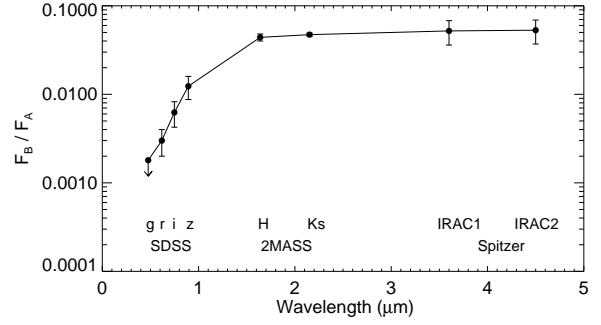
natism well, although it cannot account for higher order aberrations or diffraction in the PSF. Nonetheless, it is sufficiently accurate for our purpose here to determine the relative flux ratio, separation, and position angle of the two stars (Bechter et al. 2014). We assumed the same PSFs for the two stars and only allowed their flux ratio to change, which is justified by their close angular distance ( $\sim 2''.9$ ) and corresponding high degree of similarity in their PSFs. The PSF model has a total number of 15 free parameters, including the flux ratio, background, the peaks of the Gaussian and Moffat profiles, the FWHMs along the  $x$  &  $y$  axes of the detector, the  $x$  &  $y$  centroid positions, and the individual position angles of the Gaussian and Moffat profile.

To test the reliability of this model, we simulated NIRC2 and Robo-AO images using the actual background and the average PSF model, and injected a scaled version of the PSF as the companion at certain separations and position angles. We then fitted the simulated data using the Levenberg-Marquardt algorithm for least-square minimization, and explored the parameter space extensively. We demonstrate that we were able to recover the injected flux ratios within an accuracy of 5-10% for the NIRC2 data. For the Robo-AO data, we can recover the flux ratios with an accuracy better than 30% at separations larger than  $2''.5$ , due to more extended PSF halo and much fainter flux from the companion. We thus proceeded to implement this modeling approach to the NIRC2 and Robo-AO images.

### 3.1.2. Application to NIRC2 and Robo-AO images

For the NIRC2 images, we trimmed the reduced images into a smaller size of  $600 \times 200$  pixels, which includes both stars while avoiding extra background. We fitted the double PSF model to each of the 9 images in  $H$  band and 24 images in  $K_S$  band. The pixels in each trimmed image were weighted by their photon noise or background noise, whichever is higher. Since the weights were dominated by high signal-to-noise pixels in the core of the PSF, this model fitting approach allows us to obtain reliable parameters even for images affected by variable and high bias levels (the lower left quadrant) and truncated PSF wings. We took the error-weighted average of the best-fit parameters for each set of images as the final result. The scatters of the best-fit parameters dominate their formal uncertainties from the fits and were thus chosen as the final uncertainties of the parameters. The resulting flux ratios ( $f_B/f_A$ ) for  $H$  and  $K_S$  bands are  $0.044 \pm 0.005$  and  $0.047 \pm 0.002$ , respectively, and are consistent with those from Ngo et al. (in preparation) within  $2\sigma$ . These values are plotted in Figure 4 and are shown in Table 1, together with the corresponding apparent magnitudes for each star, where the individual magnitudes are derived using the total magnitudes of the system from the tenth data release of SDSS (Ahn et al. 2014).

We convert the separation of HAT-P-32AB from pixels to arcseconds using the plate scale and orientation of the NIRC2 array determined by Yelda et al. (2010)<sup>14</sup>. The resulting best-fit separation  $\rho$  and position angle  $\theta$  in the  $H$ -band are:  $\rho = 2''.927 \pm 0''.011$  and  $\theta = 110^\circ 65 \pm 0^\circ 18$ . The  $K_S$  band NIRC2 images gave highly consistent



**Figure 4.** Flux ratios of the fainter companion HAT-P-32B to the brighter planet host HAT-P-32A vs. wavelengths. Flux ratios in the SDSS bands and the 2MASS bands are determined using AO imaging and PSF fitting. Flux ratios in the *Spitzer* 3.6 and 4.5  $\mu\text{m}$  bands are extrapolated using the  $K_S - [3.6]$  and  $K_S - [4.5]$  colors determined from SED fitting.

results of  $\rho = 2''.925 \pm 0''.006$  and  $\theta = 110^\circ 64 \pm 0^\circ 15$ . The weighted averages of the separation and position angle are listed in Table 1.

As another cross-check of the NIRC2 results, we also selected the best Palomar/WIRC images of HAT-P-32AB with well-focused and well-separated PSFs in both bands obtained when checking the telescope focus, and fitted for the flux ratios. The resultant flux ratios and their formal errors are  $0.040 \pm 0.006$  in  $H$  and  $0.058 \pm 0.011$  in  $K_S$ , and the separation is  $2''.917 \pm 0''.036$ , consistent with the NIRC2 results within  $1\sigma$ . The position angle is not directly comparable as the orientation of the WIRC detector is uncalibrated.

The Robo-AO images were analyzed in the same manner using the dual two-component PSF model. We trimmed the reduced Robo-AO images into a smaller size of  $610 \times 420$  pixels to avoid extra background in the fit. The best-fit reduced  $\chi^2$  ranges from 0.22 to 0.26 for the four SDSS bands. To avoid possible underestimation from the nominal uncertainties from the best-fit, we chose a conservative uncertainty of 30% of each flux ratio in the four bands based on our simulations described previously (see Section 3.1.1). We detected the companion star in the  $r'$ ,  $i'$ , and  $z'$  bands, and derive an upper limit for the flux ratio in the  $g'$  band. The best-fit flux ratios are listed in Table 1 and are shown in Figure 4. We also calibrated the positions of the two stars on the detector as an additional check on the NIRC2 results. The resulting error-weighted average separation and position angle from the three bands with a detection of the companion are  $2''.920 \pm 0''.006$  and  $111^\circ 50 \pm 0^\circ 32$ , and are consistent with the NIRC2 results at the  $1\sigma$  and  $3\sigma$  level, respectively, where the uncertainties are dominated by calibration of the instrument's pixel scale and orientation. We take the error-weighted average of the NIRC2 and Robo-AO separations as the final separation of the binary. We take the NIRC2 position angle as the final solution thanks to its better calibration, higher angular resolution and finer pixel scale. These results are listed in Table 1.

### 3.2. Stellar SEDs

In order to account for the dilution of our measured secondary eclipse depths in the *Spitzer* 3.6 and 4.5

<sup>14</sup> Pixel scale =  $9.950 \pm 0.004$  mas/pixel. Actual Position Angle = Measured Position Angle  $-0^\circ 254 \pm 0^\circ 016$  (Yelda et al. 2010).

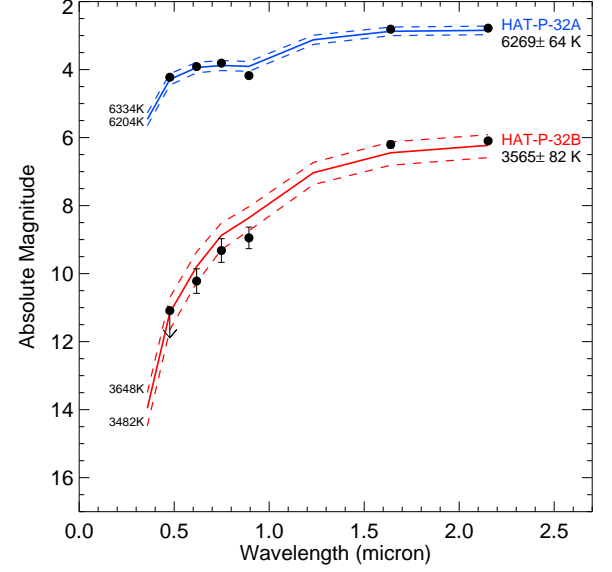


**Table 1**  
Properties of HAT-P-32AB

	Apparent magnitudes		
	AB combined	Star A <sup>a</sup>	Star B <sup>a</sup>
$g'$	11.482±0.001 <sup>b</sup>	...	...
$r'$	11.167±0.001 <sup>b</sup>	11.170±0.001	17.477±0.362
$i'$	11.062±0.001 <sup>b</sup>	11.069±0.002	16.579±0.347
$z'$	11.422±0.003 <sup>b</sup>	11.435±0.004	16.207±0.317
$H$	10.024±0.022 <sup>c</sup>	10.071±0.022	13.462±0.101
$K_S$	9.990±0.022 <sup>c</sup>	10.040±0.022	13.355±0.051
B to A flux ratios			
$(f_B/f_A)_{g'}$	<0.0018		
$(f_B/f_A)_{r'}$	0.003±0.001		
$(f_B/f_A)_{i'}$	0.006±0.002		
$(f_B/f_A)_{z'}$	0.012±0.004		
$(f_B/f_A)_H$	0.044±0.005		
$(f_B/f_A)_{K_S}$	0.047±0.002		
$(f_B/f_A)_{3.6}$	0.050±0.020		
$(f_B/f_A)_{4.5}$	0.053±0.020		
Effective temperatures from SED fit			
$T_{\text{eff, A}} \text{ (K)}$	6269 ± 64		
$T_{\text{eff, B}} \text{ (K)}$	3565 ± 82		
AO Astrometry			
	NIRC2	Robo-AO	Final result <sup>d</sup>
Separation	2''.925 ± 0''.005	2''.920 ± 0''.006	2''.923 ± 0''.004
P.A. ( $\overline{AB}$ )	110°64 ± 0°12	111°50 ± 0°32	110°64 ± 0°12

- <sup>a</sup>. Derived using total magnitudes and flux ratios in this work.  
<sup>b</sup>. Magnitude from the tenth data release of SDSS (Ahn et al. 2014).  
<sup>c</sup>. 2MASS magnitude  
<sup>d</sup>. We adopt the position angle from NIRC2 as the final nominal solution because of its better instrumental calibration, higher angular resolution and finer pixel scales.

$\mu\text{m}$  bands, we must first estimate the flux ratios of the binary in these two bands. We do this by fitting the Spectral Energy Distributions (SEDs) of the two stars using the synthetic broadband magnitudes converted from PHOENIX model spectra by the Dartmouth Stellar Evolution models (Dotter et al. 2008; Husser et al. 2013). Specifically, we converted the combined magnitudes of HAT-P-32AB into individual absolute magnitudes based on their measured flux ratios and the distance  $d = 283$  pc (Hartman et al. 2011), and fitted the SEDs using a Dartmouth model with  $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}] = -0.04$  and  $[\alpha/\text{Fe}] = 0$  (Hartman et al. 2011). We excluded the upper limit on the  $g'$  band magnitude of HAT-P-32B in the fit. We then fit for the effective temperatures of both stars, where we take into account the uncertainty in their metallicity by fitting SED models for the  $1\text{-}\sigma$  lower and upper limits on  $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}]$  from a spectroscopic analysis of the F star primary. The resulting systematic differences among models are added in quadrature to the best-fit uncertainty of  $T_{\text{eff}}$ . The best-fit SED models for HAT-P-32AB are shown in Figure 5. The best model for HAT-P-32B has a temperature of  $3565 \pm 82$  K, indicating a spectral type of M1.5 according to Kraus & Hillenbrand (2007) and Lépine et al. (2013). The best model for HAT-P-32A gives  $T_{\text{eff}} = 6269 \pm 64$  K, consistent with the value of Hartman et al. (2011) within  $1\text{-}\sigma$ . We derived the flux ratios of HAT-P-32AB in the *Spitzer* bands based on the  $K_S - [3.6]$  and  $K_S - [4.5]$  colors from the SED models and listed them in Table 1. The  $K_S - [3.6]$  and  $K_S - [4.5]$  colors from the models are consistent with the empirical



**Figure 5.** Best-fit SED models for HAT-P-32AB based on synthetic magnitudes of PHOENIX model spectra in the observed bands. Filled dots with error bars show absolute magnitudes for each star derived using their flux ratios and total magnitudes (some error bars are too small to be seen). The solid lines show the best-fit models. The dashed lines show their corresponding  $1\text{-}\sigma$  uncertainties with  $T_{\text{eff}}$  values labeled to the left. The absolute magnitudes are calculated with a distance modulus of 7.259 ( $d = 283$  pc) based on Hartman et al. (2011).

values in Patten et al. (2006). Uncertainties of the derived flux ratios were propagated from the magnitudes of the SED models in the two *Spitzer* bands. Figure 4 also shows the flux ratios of HAT-P-32AB in the *Spitzer* bands.

### 3.3. Analysis of *Spitzer* Light Curves

We simultaneously fit our light curves with secondary eclipse models (Mandel & Agol 2002) and decorrelation functions that correct for the well-known intra-pixel sensitivity effect. For both observations, we use the decorrelation function,

$$F(\{c_i\}, \bar{x}, \bar{y}, t) = c_0 + c_1\bar{x} + c_2\bar{y} + c_3\bar{x}^2 + c_4\bar{y}^2 + c_5t, \quad (1)$$

where the  $\bar{x}$  and  $\bar{y}$  are the median-subtracted centroid positions,  $t$  is time from the predicted center of secondary eclipse assuming a circular orbit, and the  $\{c_i\}$  are free parameters. We use the Bayesian Information Criterion (BIC) to verify that we achieve optimal results by including all of the terms in Eq. 1 (Liddle 2007; Priestley 1981). The BIC penalizes extra model parameters, and models with lower BIC are usually preferred. Specifically, for the  $4.5 \mu\text{m}$  band observation, the function with all of the terms gives the lowest BIC compared to a function without the quadratic terms ( $\Delta\text{BIC} = -2$ )<sup>15</sup>. Similarly, for fits to the  $3.6 \mu\text{m}$  band data, the function with all of the terms gives the lowest BIC compared to that without the quadratic terms ( $\Delta\text{BIC} = -63$ ). We tried adding a cross-term ( $c_6\bar{x}\bar{y}$ ) to each decorrelation function, but this did not improve our fits for either bands.

We first perform our simultaneous fit using the Levenberg-Marquardt algorithm (Press et al. 1992). We

<sup>15</sup>  $|\Delta\text{BIC}| > 1$  means significant difference, and the model with lower BIC is preferred (Priestley 1981).

report the resulting values for the eclipse depths and offsets as our best-fit results. The decorrelation functions for the raw relative flux are shown in Figure 2. Figure 6 shows the final secondary eclipse light curves and best fit models for HAT-P-32Ab after removing the correlated systematics. We assume a constant error for each measurement of relative flux, equal to the root-mean-squared (RMS) scatter in the residuals between our best-fit eclipse model and decorrelated data, as it better represents the uncertainty in the relative flux than the nominal photon noise. The RMS scatters in our final residuals are 0.327% and 0.324% in the  $3.6\mu\text{m}$  and  $4.5\mu\text{m}$  bands, respectively, which are 23.6% and 26.9% above the photon noise limits. Figure 7 compares the residual scatter with “white noise” expectation, and indicates that the standard deviation of the residuals roughly follow a Gaussian distribution when binned together, suggesting that the decorrelation functions have removed most of the systematics.

We estimate our uncertainties using two different methods. First, we use the Markov-Chain Monte Carlo (MCMC) method with  $10^7$  steps and compute the width of the 68.3% (1- $\sigma$ ) symmetric confidence intervals centered on the medians of our (roughly Gaussian, uncorrelated) parameter distributions. We also use the residual permutation (RP) method (Winn et al. 2009) to provide an estimate of errors accounting for any time-correlated noise in our data. We report the larger of the two as our formal errors.

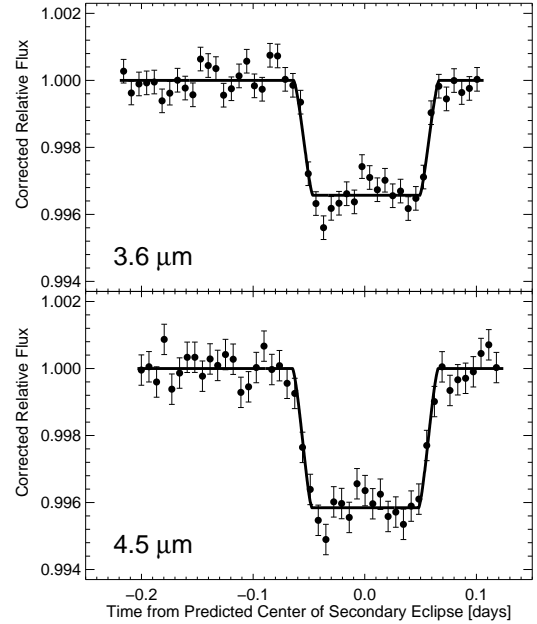
For the  $3.6\mu\text{m}$  band data, the RP and MCMC errors on the diluted eclipse depth and offset are 0.010% and 0.014% and 1.4 min and 1.3 min, respectively. Thus, we measure a diluted depth of  $0.341\% \pm 0.014\%$  and an offset of  $1.3 \text{ min} \pm 1.4 \text{ min}$ . For the  $4.5\mu\text{m}$  band, the RP and MCMC errors on the diluted eclipse depth and offset are 0.005% and 0.9 min and 0.018% and 1.7 min, respectively. Thus, we measure a diluted depth of  $0.418\% \pm 0.018\%$  and a delay of  $-1.2 \text{ min} \pm 1.7 \text{ min}$  in this band. We list these results in Table 2. Our observed center of eclipse times for the 3.6 and  $4.5 \mu\text{m}$  bands are  $T_{se} = 2455855.57877 \pm 0.00095$  (BJD<sub>TDB</sub>) and  $2455864.17701 \pm 0.00118$  (BJD<sub>TDB</sub>), respectively.

#### 3.4. Analysis of Palomar/WIRC light curves

The  $H$  and  $K_S$  band Palomar light curves of HAT-P-32Ab do not show strong correlated systematics after normalizing with the median reference light curves, but still need further decorrelation to detect the secondary eclipse signal. We fit a secondary eclipse light curve model simultaneously with a decorrelation function to the data,

$$f(\{a_i\}, t) = a_0 + a_1 t + a_2 t^2 + a_3 L_{\text{Ref}}, \quad (2)$$

where  $f$  is the reference-corrected flux,  $t$  is time from the predicted center of secondary eclipse assuming a circular orbit, and the  $\{a_i\}$  are free parameters. Similar to O’Rourke et al. (2014), we also included the median reference light curve  $L_{\text{Ref}}$  in the model as it further reduces the scatter of light curves in both bands. The scatter in the target’s centroid is relatively small, and we do not see obvious correlation between the light curve flux and centroid positions. We therefore do not include the centroid positions in the decorrelation function, similar to

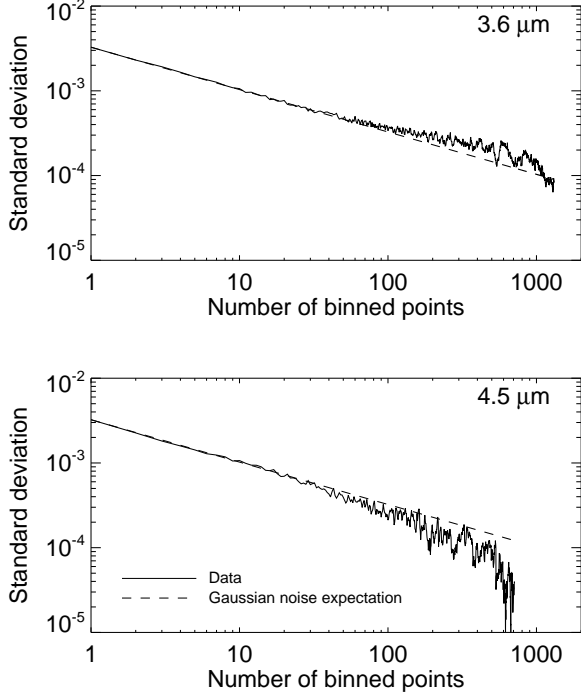


**Figure 6.** The final secondary eclipse light curves of HAT-P-32Ab in the *Spitzer*  $3.6 \mu\text{m}$  and  $4.5 \mu\text{m}$  bands after correcting for intra-pixel sensitivity variations. Best-fit light curve models are over plotted as solid lines. Data are binned in 10 minute intervals. The sizes of the error bars are binned based on the RMS scatter (0.327% and 0.324% for the top and bottom panels, respectively) in the residuals between the photometry and the best-fit eclipse model over the whole light curve. Note that the secondary eclipse depths are diluted by the M dwarf stellar companion.

that in Zhao et al. (2012b). In addition to the decorrelation coefficients, the secondary eclipse depth is the only free parameter in the fit. The orbital ephemeris is fixed to the circular solution of Hartman et al. (2011), i.e.,  $T_0 = 2454420.44637$  (BJD) and Period = 2.150008 days, as our  $H$  or  $K_S$  data cannot constrain the eclipse timing with better precision than that of the *Spitzer* data. The eclipse duration, inclination, semi-major axis, and stellar and planetary radii are also fixed to the circular orbit solution of Hartman et al. (2011) based on our *Spitzer* secondary eclipse timing (see Table 3 and Section 4.1).

We employed the Levenberg-Marquardt algorithm in order to determine the best-fit solution. We searched the parameter space extensively with a fine grid of starting points to ensure that we find the global minimum instead of local minima. The data points are uniformly weighted such that the reduced  $\chi^2$  is nearly 1.0. We also tested the necessity of each term in our decorrelation function using the Bayesian Information Criterion. For the  $K_S$  band data set, a decorrelation function with all coefficients ( $a_0$  to  $a_3$ ) gives the lowest BIC value ( $|\Delta BIC| > 1$ ) and thus is preferred for the final fits. For the  $H$  band data, a decorrelation function without the quadratic term  $a_2$  gives a significantly lower BIC value than other models ( $|\Delta BIC| > 6$ ); therefore only  $a_0$ ,  $a_1$ , and  $a_3$  are used for the final fits. The global best-fit solution for the  $K_S$  band data gives a diluted eclipse depth of  $0.170\% \pm 0.035\%$  with a reduced  $\chi^2$  of 0.96. For the  $H$  band data, the best-fit diluted depth is  $0.086\% \pm 0.024\%$  with a reduced  $\chi^2$  of 0.92. The best-fit light curve models are shown in the bottom panels of Figure 8. Figure 9 compares the scatter of the best-fit residuals with “white noise” expectations,



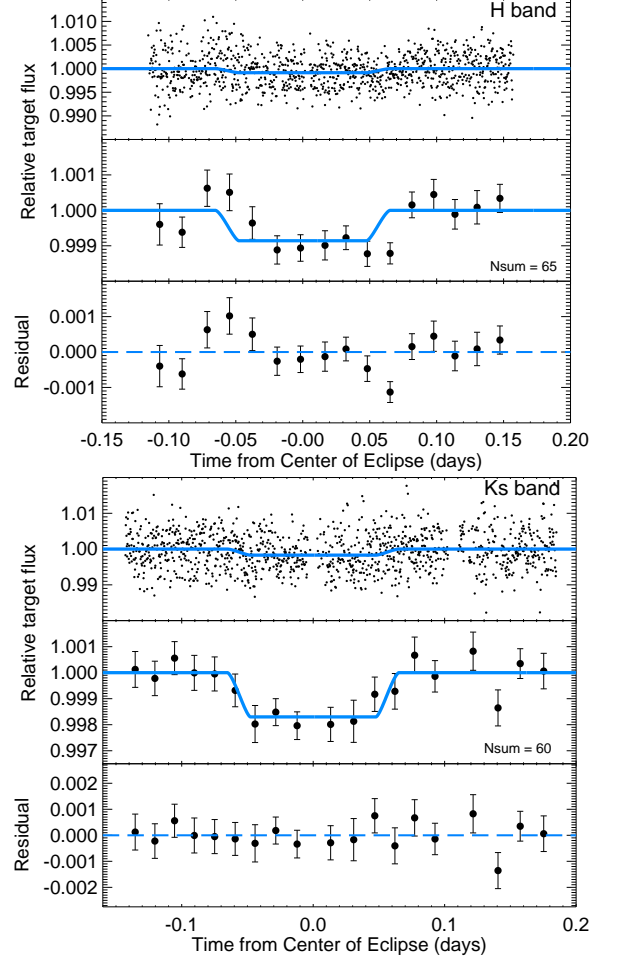


**Figure 7.** Comparison of HAT-P-32Ab’s residual scatter with Gaussian noise expectation for the *Spitzer* bands. The dashed lines show the standard deviation of the residuals if they follow a Gaussian (or white noise) distribution. The solid lines show the standard deviation of actual residuals as a function of bin size. Both curves closely follow the “white-noise” expectation with bin sizes smaller than 50 points ( $\sim 6$  minutes for the top and  $\sim 10$  min for the bottom), indicating that most of the small-scale intra-pixel variations have been corrected.

indicating there are still time-correlated systematics in both light curves, particularly in the *H*-band.

We verify the robustness of the best-fit eclipse depths and estimate their uncertainties using two methods: bootstrapping (Press et al. 1992) and residual permutation (Winn et al. 2009). For the bootstrapping method, we uniformly resample the data with replacement and re-fit the light curve with the aforementioned decorrelation model. This technique is suitable for unknown distributions, and can robustly test the best-fit model and the distribution of the parameters. We made 2000 bootstrap iterations and the resulting distribution for the eclipse depth is nearly Gaussian. The corresponding  $1-\sigma$  uncertainties are 0.017% in *H* and 0.054% in *K<sub>S</sub>*, respectively. For the residual permutation method, we subtract the best-fit model from the data and shift the residuals pixel-by-pixel. The shifted residuals are then added back to the best-fit model and are re-fitted. We conducted 2184 iterations in the *H* band and 2108 iterations in the *K<sub>S</sub>* band. The resulting median diluted eclipse depth and  $1-\sigma$  uncertainty is  $0.085\% \pm 0.032\%$  in the *H* band, and  $0.171^{+0.031}_{-0.043}\%$  in the *K<sub>S</sub>* band. Our two estimates of the secondary eclipse depth and corresponding uncertainty are consistent with each other to well within  $1-\sigma$ . We report the best-fit eclipse depths as the final result in Table 2. We compare the uncertainties from all the methods and report the largest value as our formal errors.

### 3.5. Flux ratio correction

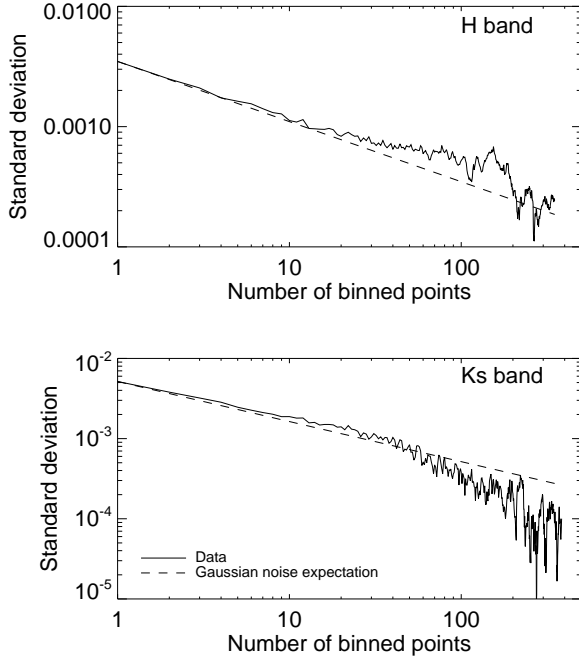


**Figure 8.** The final decorrelated secondary eclipse light curves of HAT-P-32Ab obtained using WIRC. Best-fit light curve models are over plotted as solid blue lines. The top panels show the unbinned, normalized data after decorrelation. The middle panels show the data with 23-minute bins, while the bottom panels show the corresponding residual after subtracting the best-fit models. The sizes of the error bars are based on the scatter of the data in each bin. Note that the secondary eclipse depths are diluted by the stellar companion.

Due to the close angular separation of the planet host star and the M1.5 companion, our *Spitzer* and WIRC photometry included both stars in their apertures. The measured secondary eclipse depths of the hot Jupiter are therefore diluted by the flux from the companion star. The true planet-to-star flux ratio is

$$\frac{f_b}{f_A} = \delta \left( 1 + \frac{f_B}{f_A} \right), \quad (3)$$

where  $\delta$  is the measured, diluted eclipse depth,  $\frac{f_B}{f_A}$  is the flux ratio of the M dwarf companion HAT-P-32B to the planet host star HAT-P-32A (see Table 1), and  $(1 + \frac{f_B}{f_A})$  is the dilution correction factor (see also Shporer et al. 2014). We calculated the dilution correction factors based on the measured and derived flux ratios in Table 1, and applied them to correct for the four secondary eclipse bands respectively, i.e., *H*, *K<sub>S</sub>*, IRAC 3.6  $\mu\text{m}$  and 4.5  $\mu\text{m}$ . We propagated the errors to calculate the final uncertainties. The final dilution-corrected planet-to-star



**Figure 9.** Comparison of HAT-P-32Ab’s residual scatter with Gaussian noise expectation in the  $H$  and  $K_S$  bands. The dashed lines show the standard deviation of the residuals if they follow a Gaussian distribution (or white noise). The solid lines show the standard deviation of actual residuals as a function of bin size. The residuals are not following the Gaussian expectation in the  $H$  band beyond bin size of 20 points, indicating the presence of time-correlated “red-noise” in the data.

flux ratios are listed in Table 2.

This dilution will also affect estimates of HAT-P-32Ab’s transit depth, depending on the photometry apertures used and the actual amount of flux contamination included in the analysis. Existing transit observations for this planet were typically obtained at visible wavelengths, where the flux ratio of the M dwarf companion should be relatively small as compared to our infrared data. Gibson et al. (2013) took the M dwarf into account in their transit light curve analysis. They found minimal contaminations in their light curves as a result of their small apertures, and obtained transit parameters that were consistent with those of Hartman et al. (2011).

#### 4. DISCUSSION

##### 4.1. Orbital eccentricity

We can put a stringent constraint on the orbital eccentricity  $e$  of the planet using the measured secondary eclipse timing from Section 3.3. The time delay due to light traveling across the orbit ( $\sim 2a/c$ , e.g., Kaplan 2010) is  $\sim 34.23$  s for the hot Jupiter HAT-P-32Ab, so we expect to observe the secondary eclipse at an orbital phase of 0.50018. Since the transit epoch reported in Hartman et al. (2011), a total of 667 and 671 orbital periods elapsed before our observations in the  $3.6$  and  $4.5$   $\mu\text{m}$  bands, respectively. Taking the formal error of the transit epoch and the orbital period into account ( $\sim 7.78$  s and  $\sim 0.0864$  s, respectively), the cumulative errors resulting from the uncertain orbital period are  $0.9605$  min at  $3.6$   $\mu\text{m}$  and  $0.96624$  min at  $4.5$   $\mu\text{m}$ . We add these uncertainties from the ephemerides in quadrature to our measurement uncertainty to obtain our final results for

time delay from the predicted centers of eclipse for a circular orbit:  $1.3 \text{ min} \pm 1.7 \text{ min}$  at  $3.6$   $\mu\text{m}$  and  $-1.2 \text{ min} \pm 2.0 \text{ min}$  at  $4.5$   $\mu\text{m}$ . Therefore, the weighted-average timing delay from expected mid-occultation is  $\Delta t \approx 0.3 \pm 1.3$  min (Table 2).

For a complete constraint on the eccentricity, we incorporate the measured time delay in both bands into the RV orbital solution, using the RV data and procedures described in Knutson et al. (2014), as well as an additional 7 RV measurements obtained from Keck. The resulting eccentricity of the orbit is  $e = 0.0072^{+0.0700}_{-0.0064}$ , which is consistent with a circular orbit at  $1.1\text{-}\sigma$ . Our secondary eclipse data constrain  $|e \cos \omega|$  in these fits to be very close to zero, while  $|e \sin \omega|$  is constrained primarily by the radial velocity measurements and spans a wider range of values. We listed all the RV parameters in Table 3.

A circular orbit for the planet is also preferred by statistical tests (Lucy & Sweeney test and BIC test, see Hartman et al. 2011), and the short tidal circularization timescale of the system ( $t_{\text{tidal}} \sim 3 - 5$  Myr, much shorter than the  $>2$  Gyr age of the system; Zhang et al. (2013)). Due to ambiguity in the radial velocity data, Hartman et al. (2011) provided two sets of solutions to the system, one with a fixed circular orbit  $e = 0$ , and the other with a free floating  $e = 0.163 \pm 0.061$ . Our constraint on the eccentricity strongly prefers the  $e = 0$  solution. Therefore, the circular solution of the orbital and planetary parameters for HAT-P-32Ab (middle column of Table 8 in Hartman et al. 2011) should be adopted as the formal parameters, which have already been used throughout this study. The mass of HAT-P-32Ab is thus  $0.860 \pm 0.164 M_{\text{Jup}}$ , and its radius is  $1.789 \pm 0.025 R_{\text{Jup}}$ , making it the third largest transiting planet known to date.

##### 4.2. Atmospheric models for HAT-P-32Ab

We combine our final secondary eclipse depths in the *Spitzer*  $3.6$  &  $4.5$   $\mu\text{m}$  and WIRC  $H$  &  $K_S$  bands to compare with atmospheric models. We first fit a blackbody model to our broadband data and determine the effective temperature of the planet as well as its brightness temperatures in each bandpass (Table 2), using the PHOENIX atmospheric models (Husser et al. 2013) for the host star with  $T_{\text{eff}} = 6200$  K,  $\log g = 4.5 \text{ cm s}^{-2}$  and  $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}] = 0.0$ . We find that our combined data are well-fit by a blackbody model with  $T_{\text{eff}} = 2042 \pm 50$  K for the planet, which we show in Figure 10 and 11.

We then compare our measurements with atmospheric models calculated as described in Burrows et al. (2006, 2008) and Fortney et al. (2008), respectively. Figure 10 shows the dilution corrected planet-to-star flux ratios and comparison with models based on Burrows et al. (2006, 2008), assuming a plane-parallel atmosphere with local thermodynamic equilibrium (LTE), solar abundance, and equilibrium chemistry. These models use a generalized absorption coefficient,  $\kappa_e$ , to represent the unknown extra absorber in the upper atmosphere (stratosphere), which can cause extra heating and create a temperature inversion. The efficiency of energy redistribution is denoted by a dimensionless parameter  $P_n$ , with  $P_n = 0.0$  representing dayside-only redistribution ( $2\pi$  redistribution),  $P_n = 0.5$  representing a full redistribution over the planet ( $4\pi$  redistribution) and other  $P_n$  values representing intermediate level of redistribution.

**Table 2**  
HAT-P-32Ab secondary eclipse parameters

Parameter	$H$	$K_S$	$3.6\mu\text{m}$	$4.5\mu\text{m}$
Diluted eclipse depth	$0.086\% \pm 0.032\%$	$0.170\% \pm 0.054\%$	$0.341\% \pm 0.014\%$	$0.418\% \pm 0.018\%$
Dilution corrected eclipse depth	$0.090\% \pm 0.033\%$	$0.178\% \pm 0.057\%$	$0.364\% \pm 0.016\%$	$0.438\% \pm 0.020\%$
Brightness temperature ( $K$ )	$2065^{+191}_{-155}$	$2096^{+206}_{-180}$	$2063 \pm 36$	$2014 \pm 41$
Planet temperature ( $K$ )		$2042 \pm 50$		(joint solution)
Eclipse timing offset ( $t - T_{\text{se}}$ ) <sup>a</sup> (min)	fixed to 0	fixed to 0	$1.3 \pm 1.4$	$-1.2 \pm 1.7$
Eclipse timing offset ( $t - T_{\text{se}}$ ) <sup>a</sup> (min)		$0.3 \pm 1.3$		(joint solution)

<sup>a</sup>  $T_{\text{se}}$  is the predicted secondary eclipse time.

**Table 3**  
Parameters for HAT-P-32A and HAT-P-32Ab

Parameter	HAT-P-32A	Reference
[Fe/H]	$-0.04 \pm 0.08$	1
$T_{\text{eff}}$ (K)	$6269 \pm 64$	2
$R_*$ ( $R_{\odot}$ )	$1.219 \pm 0.016$	1
Distance (pc)	$283 \pm 5$	1
HAT-P-32Ab		
Transit Parameters		
$R_p$ ( $R_{\text{Jup}}$ )	$1.789 \pm 0.025$	1
$a$ (AU)	$0.0343 \pm 0.0004$	1
$i$ (deg)	$88.9 \pm 0.4$	1
$T_{\text{se}, 3.6\mu\text{m}}$ (BJD <sub>TDB</sub> )	$2455855.57877 \pm 0.00095$	2
$T_{\text{se}, 4.5\mu\text{m}}$ (BJD <sub>TDB</sub> )	$2455864.17701 \pm 0.00118$	2
RV Model Parameters		
Period (days)	$2.15000805^{+9.3e-07}_{-9.7e-07}$	2
$T_0$ (BJD <sub>TDB</sub> )	$2454420.44712^{+9.2e-05}_{-8.4e-05}$	2
$e$	$0.0072^{+0.0700}_{-0.0064}$	2
$\omega$ (deg)	$96^{+180.0}_{-11}$	2
$K$ ( $\text{m s}^{-1}$ )	$110 \pm 16$	2
$\gamma$ ( $\text{m s}^{-1}$ )	$78^{+12}_{-13}$	2
$\dot{\gamma}$ ( $\text{m s}^{-1} \text{ day}^{-1}$ )	$-0.048 \pm 0.012$	2
jitter ( $\text{m s}^{-1}$ )	$67.2^{+9.6}_{-7.5}$	2
RV Derived Parameters		
$e \cos \omega$	$0.0004^{+0.0007}_{-0.0006}$	2
$e \sin \omega$	$0.0003^{+0.052}_{-0.010}$	2

<sup>1</sup> Hartman et al. 2011, ApJ, 742, 59

<sup>2</sup> This work

Figure 10 shows that the data prefer a model with extra upper-atmosphere heating ( $\kappa_e = 0.1 \text{ cm}^2 \text{ g}^{-1}$ ), i.e., a temperature inversion, over a model without extra absorber, due to the high temperature and flux ratio in the  $4.5 \mu\text{m}$  band. The ground-based data provide less leverage than the *Spitzer* data due to their larger uncertainties. The data also prefer a less efficient heat redistribution model with  $P_n = 0.1$  (red, total  $\chi^2 = 2.47$ ) to a more efficient redistribution model of  $P_n = 0.3$  (green, total  $\chi^2 = 6.12$ ), suggesting little recirculation to the planet's nightside. Nonetheless, we also note that a blackbody model provides a superior fit to the data ( $\chi^2 = 0.9$ ), despite the fact that the  $4.5 \mu\text{m}$  point is more consistent with the red model ( $\kappa_e = 0.1 \text{ cm}^2 \text{ g}^{-1}$ ,  $P_n = 0.1$ ).

Figure 11 compares the dilution corrected planet-to-star flux ratios with models based on Fortney et al. (2008), also assuming a plane-parallel atmosphere with local thermodynamic equilibrium (LTE), solar abundance, and equilibrium chemistry. Unlike the Burrows et al. (2008) models, these models use gas-phase TiO as the

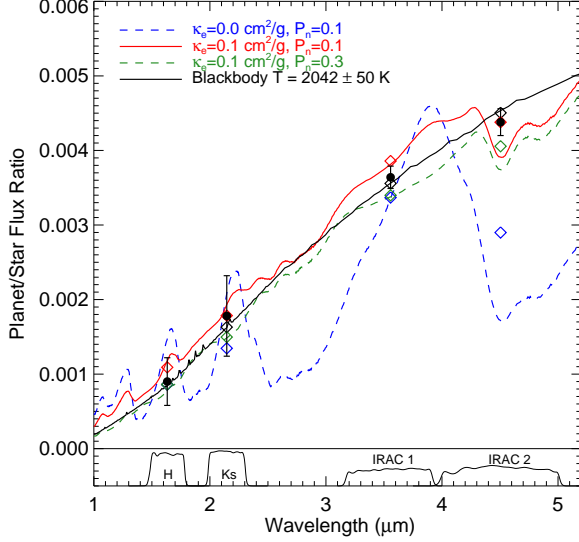
upper atmospheric absorber and add it in chemical equilibrium to create a temperature inversion. The efficiency of energy redistribution is denoted by a dimensionless parameter  $f$ , with  $f = 0.25$  representing dayside-only ( $2\pi$ ) redistribution,  $f = 0.5$  representing a full-planet ( $4\pi$ ) redistribution. Figure 11 shows that the model with TiO in the upper atmosphere and with very little heat redistribution ( $f = 0.5$ ) is more consistent with the data (red, total  $\chi^2 = 5.68$ ). A model without TiO cannot match the data in the two *Spitzer* bands (purple, total  $\chi^2 = 39.2$ ), although it is consistent with the data in the  $H$  &  $K_S$  bands. The blackbody model with  $T_{\text{eff}} = 2042 \text{ K}$  still provides a better overall fit than any of the other models. The  $4.5 \mu\text{m}$  datum again provides the most leverage than other data points, while the other three points are consistent with both the  $2\pi$  TiO model and the blackbody model.

Both sets of atmospheric models prefer an atmosphere with a temperature inversion caused by high altitude absorber, and inefficient heat redistribution to the nightside of the planet. The relatively high temperature of HAT-P-32Ab implies that it falls near the inefficient end of the transition between efficient and inefficient redistribution on the trend found by Cowan & Agol (2011) and Perez-Becker & Showman (2013). Its low heat redistribution based on the models is therefore consistent with the observed correlation. However, the planet host star HAT-P-32A has a moderately strong  $\log R'_{HK}$  of  $-4.62$  based on the analysis of Ca II H and K line cores by Hartman et al. (2011). Thus it seems to be an exception to the hypothesis of Knutson et al. (2010) that active stars with  $\log R'_{HK} \gtrsim -4.9$  are likely to have non-inverted atmospheres as increased far UV flux from the star destroys the high altitude absorber in the upper atmosphere of the planet and suppresses temperature inversion. Nonetheless, we also note that the planet host star HAT-P-32A is at the boundary where the calibration for  $\log R'_{HK}$  is highly uncertain ( $T_{\text{eff}} > 6200 \text{ K}$ ). Hartman et al. (2011) also pointed out that HAT-P-32 does not show significant chromospheric emission in their Ca II H & K line cores. Therefore, this system may actually have weak far UV emission despite its large (but uncertain)  $\log R'_{HK}$  value, and thus may not be an exception of the empirical correlation after all, as for the case of XO-3 (Knutson et al. 2010).

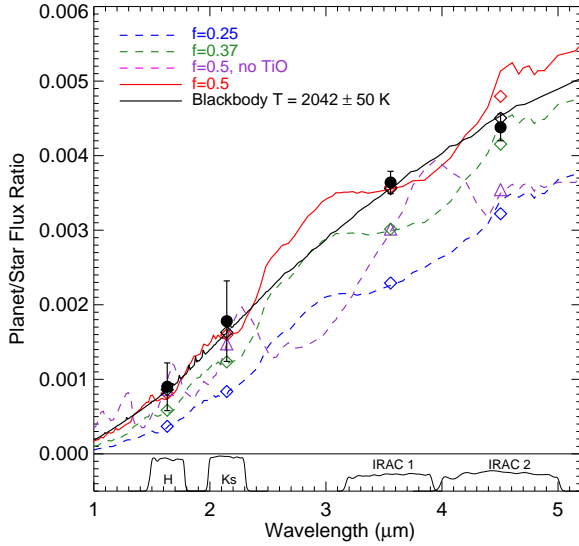
## 5. CONCLUSIONS

We detected four secondary eclipses of the hot Jupiter HAT-P-32Ab with the WIRC instrument at the Palomar Hale 200-inch telescope in the  $H$  and  $K_S$  bands, and with *Spitzer* at  $3.6$  and  $4.5 \mu\text{m}$ . We characterized the flux-dependent nonlinearity of the HAWAII-2 detec-





**Figure 10.** Comparison of dilution corrected planet-to-star flux ratios with atmospheric models based on Burrows et al. (2008). The blue dashed line shows a nearly dayside-only redistribution model (close to  $2\pi$  redistribution) without upper-atmosphere heating (i.e., no temperature inversion). The green dashed line shows a model with a temperature inversion and moderate heat redistribution. The red line shows a model with a temperature inversion but very little redistribution. The black solid line indicates a blackbody model. Actual data points are shown as filled black dots with error bars. Colored diamonds indicate band-averaged models points. Normalized filter profiles of each bandpass are shown at the bottom.



**Figure 11.** Comparison of dilution corrected planet-to-star flux ratios with atmospheric models based on Fortney et al. (2008). The blue dashed line shows a planet-wide full redistribution model ( $4\pi$  redistribution) with TiO in the upper atmosphere (i.e., has temperature inversion). The green dashed line shows a model with TiO (temperature inversion) and moderate heat redistribution. The solid red line shows a model with TiO but has only day-side redistribution. The purple dashed line shows a day-side only model without TiO. The black solid line indicates a blackbody model. Actual data points are shown as filled black dots with error bars. Colored diamonds or triangles indicate band-averaged models points. Normalized filter profiles of each bandpass are shown at the bottom.

tor of WIRC, and found that it can cause non-negligible

effect to high precision photometry when the incident flux has large fluctuations in time, particularly at shorter wavelengths (*H* or *J* band) where the sky background is low. We also carried out AO imaging of the HAT-P-32AB system to resolve the planet host star from its nearby faint companion. We measured a separation of  $2''.923 \pm 0''.004$  and a position angle of  $110^\circ.64 \pm 0^\circ.12$  for the binary system. By measuring the flux ratios of the stellar companion to the planet host star in  $g'r'i'z'$  and NIR *H* and *K<sub>S</sub>* bands, we determined a temperature of  $T_{\text{eff}} = 3565 \pm 82$  K for the companion, corresponding to an M1.5 dwarf. We extrapolated the flux ratios of the binary to the *Spitzer* 3.6 and 4.5  $\mu\text{m}$  bands based on their colors from the PHOENIX stellar atmosphere models. We then corrected the dilution to the secondary eclipse depths of the hot Jupiter in the four NIR bands to estimate the corresponding planet-to-star flux ratios. These corresponding flux ratios are  $0.090 \pm 0.033\%$ ,  $0.178 \pm 0.057\%$ ,  $0.364 \pm 0.016\%$ , and  $0.438 \pm 0.020\%$  in the *H*, *K<sub>S</sub>*, and the *Spitzer* 3.6 and 4.5  $\mu\text{m}$  bands, respectively.

By comparing the planet-to-star flux ratios with planetary atmospheric models, we found that both the Burrows et al. (2008) models and the Fortney et al. (2008) models prefer an atmosphere with temperature inversion caused by high altitude absorber and has inefficient heat redistribution to the nightside of the planet. The inefficient heat redistribution is consistent with the trend found by previous studies of Cowan & Agol (2011) and Perez-Becker & Showman (2013). Given the moderately strong  $\log R'_{HK}$  value of the planet host star, the hot Jupiter HAT-P-32Ab seems to be an exception to the correlation of Knutson et al. (2010). Nonetheless, because the  $T_{\text{eff}}$  of the star is high, its  $\log R'_{HK}$  is largely uncertain and it may actually have low UV activities, which can make this system still consistent with the trend. Meanwhile, we also note that a blackbody model with  $T_p = 2042 \pm 50$  K also fits the data well and cannot be distinguished from other models by our data.

In addition, we measured a secondary eclipse timing offset of  $0.3 \pm 1.3$  min from the predicted mid-eclipse time. We combined this with new RV data from Keck and those from Knutson et al. (2014) to put more stringent constraint on the eccentricity of the hot Jupiter's orbit. We found  $e = 0.0072^{+0.0700}_{-0.0064}$ , which is consistent with a circular orbit at the 1.1- $\sigma$  level. The presence of both a radial velocity acceleration and a separate, directly imaged companion in this system might point to a complex dynamical history that could have resulted in the planet's extreme spin-orbit misalignment at present. A circular orbital solution also makes HAT-P-32Ab the third largest planet known to date. Because high-eccentricity dynamical migration mechanisms such as the Kozai migration can be very slow ( $\sim$ Gyrs) (Wu & Murray 2003), this planet might have reached its present configuration relatively recently, which may partially explain its abnormally large radius.

In addition to the M1.5 companion, Knutson et al. (2014) detected a radial velocity trend of  $-33 \pm 10 \text{ m s}^{-1} \text{ yr}^{-1}$  in the system. The trend, however, cannot be explained by the companion star due to its large separation of  $\sim 830$  AU, but requires an inner body at 3.5-21 AU from the planet host star with a projected mass ( $M \sin i$ ) between 5-500  $M_{Jup}$ . At a distance of 283 pc,

the inner body has a angular separation between  $0''.012 - 0''.074$  and is unresolved by our AO imaging. Therefore, if the unseen inner body is a stellar companion close to  $\sim 500 M_{Jup}$  (i.e., a late K dwarf), it would further dilute the transit and secondary eclipse depths of HAT-P-32Ab, making its radius even larger. Nonetheless, this potential unseen body would not significantly affect the characterization of the hot Jupiter’s atmosphere due to its small and negligible flux contribution.

Due to the large apertures used in our photometry (and correspondingly much more background noise in the photometry), and the correlated instrumental systematics cause by telescope astigmatism, our ground-based photometry of HAT-P-32Ab in this study was not able to provide strong constraints on the atmospheric models. Future observations with stabilized PSFs (e.g., using a diffuser, Zhao et al. 2014) and a newer generation of IR detectors (e.g., the HAWAII-2RG series) will be able to mitigate the correlated systematics at the instrument level and achieve precisions of  $\lesssim 100$  parts-per-million for better characterization of planetary atmospheres. Although the WIRC detector used in this study is now defunct, it may be upgraded to a new science-grade HAWAII-2RG array and allow better performance in the future.

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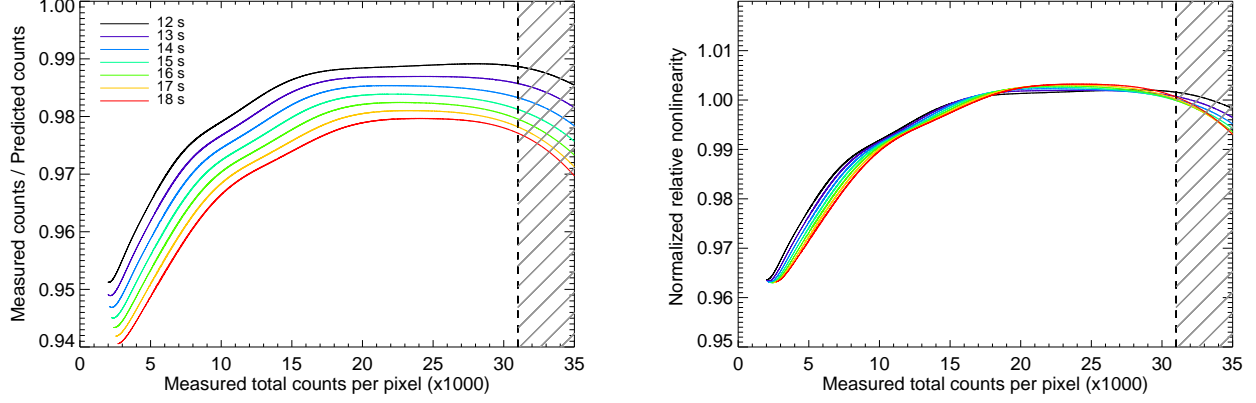
## APPENDIX

### CHARACTERIZATION OF THE FLUX-DEPENDENT NONLINEARITY OF THE HAWAII-2 DETECTOR

Unlike classical CCD-type detectors which have nonlinearity as a function of photons counts hitting the detector (i.e., count-dependent nonlinearity or gain nonlinearity), IR HgCdTe detectors (such as the NICMOS, HAWAII, and HAWAII-RG detectors) have another type of nonlinearity that is not only dependent on the total photon counts, but also dependent on the count-rate or incident flux level. That is, a fainter source hitting the detector with a lower photon rate gives a different nonlinearity response from a brighter source with a higher photon rate even if they give the same total number of counts. This count-rate dependent nonlinearity, also known as flux-dependent nonlinearity, or “reciprocity failure” in photography, is relatively well known among engineers working on infrared detectors, but is less well-known among observational astronomers. It was first discovered in *HST* NICMOS data (Bohlin et al. 2005) and characterized by Bohlin et al. (2006) and de Jong et al. (2006), for which a nonlinearity of  $\sim 6\%$  per decade of flux change was reported for NICMOS. Later studies also investigated this effect on newer generation HgCdTe IR detectors from Teledyne Imaging Sensors, such as the *HST* WFC3 IR detector and the HAWAII-RG family detectors (Hill et al. 2010; Deustua et al. 2010; Biesiadzinski et al. 2011a). Despite the still-unclear physical mechanism behind the flux-dependent nonlinearity, studies have found that this effect is common in HgCdTe detectors and varies from detector to detector (Biesiadzinski et al. 2011a). Nonetheless, the newer generation HAWAII-RG series have significantly lower flux-dependent nonlinearity than older generation detectors, and this effect is generally not wavelength-dependent (Biesiadzinski et al. 2011a).

Characterizing and calibrating the flux-dependent nonlinearity for HgCdTe IR detectors is important for high precision photometric measurements such as measuring transmission spectra or secondary eclipses of exoplanets, as the signatures of interest are often extremely small and dominated by noise or systematics. In principle, because these measurements only target differential flux changes as a function of time, the differential nonlinearity effects are minimal and usually negligible as long as the incident flux and PSFs are stable, and the PSFs are well sampled by many pixels (so minor variations can be averaged out). However, because ground-based observations usually suffer from large flux variations from pixel to pixel due to atmospheric variations or time-varying instrumental effects (e.g., varying bright spots on the PSF due to telescope astigmatism), it is necessary to understand the impact of this effect.

We characterized the flux-dependent nonlinearity of the HAWAII-2 detector of Palomar Hale/WIRC (an earlier



**Figure 12.** Left: Nonlinearity of WIRC’s HAWAII-2 detector measured in the form of  $\text{Counts}_{\text{measured}}/\text{Counts}_{\text{predicted}}$  actual as a function of pixel counts and exposure times (denoted as colored lines). Corresponding exposure times for the colored lines are labeled in the top left. The shaded area indicates the region where the detector begins to saturate and measurements become unreliable. Note the average flux level changes along each colored curve. At any given total counts, shorter exposures correspond to higher flux levels and deviate less from the actual counts. Right: We normalize the nonlinearity curves in the left panel and average them to create a global, relative nonlinearity curve since the shapes of the curves are similar. However, this averaged curve only applies to images taken with the same exposure time. Images taken with difference exposure times cannot be analyzed together due to absolute differences in their nonlinearity responses.

generation of the HAWAII-2RG family) using dome flats with the detector installed on the telescope. To ensure the stability of the flat lamp, we kept the power of the lamp stable and unchanged, and simulated different incident flux levels by changing the amount of mirror cover opening. At each fixed incident flux level, we took many sets of exposures with increasing exposure times to sample the nonlinearity curve. We took minimum exposures interspersed between each set of measurements to measure and track the incident flux level of each nonlinearity curve. This ensures that small flux variations of the flat lamp are properly corrected. Although the absolute flux level cannot be measured accurately in this manner due to existing nonlinear counts from the detector, it still allows us to track the relative differential nonlinearity changes at each observed flux level. By sampling the nonlinearity response of the whole detector at different incident flux levels and comparing with the actual counts, we can construct a nonlinearity response map as a function of observed flux and total counts per pixel – this allows us to correct for the nonlinearity of each pixel based on its measured counts and average flux. The measured-to-actual counts ratio, i.e., the nonlinearity response, can be denoted as:

$$\eta_{i,n} = f(\bar{F}_{i,n}, c_{i,n}), \quad (\text{A1})$$

where  $\bar{F}_{i,n}$  is the mean flux of pixel  $i$  in image  $n$ , and  $c_{i,n}$  is the total measured counts of pixel  $i$  in image  $n$ . The mean flux of pixel  $i$  in image  $n$  can be approximated using its total counts and the exposure time of the image as long as the exposure time is not too long (e.g.,  $\sim 10$  s):

$$\bar{F}_{i,n} = \frac{c_{i,n}}{t_{i,n}}. \quad (\text{A2})$$

Since all pixels have the same exposure time in each image, i.e.,  $t_{i,n} = t_n$ , we can take this advantage and convert the response from a function of flux and counts into a function of exposure time and counts. Therefore, for fixed exposure time  $t_{i,n} = t_0$ , as for the case of our secondary eclipse observations, the nonlinearity function can be further simplified to:

$$\eta_{i,n} = f\left(\frac{c_{i,n}}{t_0}, c_{i,n}\right), \quad (\text{A3})$$

which is essentially a function of pixel counts  $c_{i,n}$  when the exposure time is fixed. Note that because of the difficulty in measuring the actual flux level of each individual pixel in realtime when using the same IR detector that needs to be calibrated, this method only provides an approximation to the flux-dependent nonlinearity effect.

Figure 12 shows our measured flux-dependent nonlinearity of the HAWAII-2 detector of WIRC as a function of pixel counts and exposure time (shown as different colors). Due to limited dynamic range of the incident flux (limited by the brightness of the lamp and the minimum controllable opening angle of the mirror cover), we could only measure the nonlinearity curves for exposure times between 12 s and 18 s reliably. The nonlinearity curves are clearly flux-dependent in the figure. Given the same number of total counts, high incident flux levels (short exposures) cause less deviation from unity than that of low flux levels (long exposures), a trend that is consistent with previous studies (de Jong et al. 2006; Biesiadzinski et al. 2011a). The shape of each nonlinearity curve closely resembles each other despite their difference in absolute nonlinearity levels. All curves have a “ramp” at low counts ( $\lesssim 15$  K) and a “plateau” between  $\sim 15$  K counts and 30 K counts, and start to drop off at  $>30$  K when the counts are close to saturation. This suggests that for images with high background levels (BG), such as the  $K_S$  band images ( $\text{BG} > 12$  K) in our observations, most of the pixels are in the “plateau” region, and thus have negligible differential nonlinearity effects for differential photometry. In contrast, images in the  $H$  band have more significant nonlinearity differences between the wings and peaks of each stellar PSF due to their low background levels and large differences in counts.



Since we only measure differential photometry in our secondary eclipse observations, we can take the advantage of the similar nonlinearity shapes and average them to create a normalized differential nonlinearity curve that is universal to all exposure times. The right panel of Figure 12 overplots the normalized nonlinearity curves together and shows that they indeed have very consistent shapes. We therefore fit a polynomial function to the averaged curve. The standard deviation of all the curves at each data point is taken as the measurement error in the fit. We again use BIC to select the best model. An 8th order polynomial gives the smallest BIC ( $\Delta BIC > 20$ ) and is strongly preferred. The resulting global nonlinearity approximation is:

$$\eta = 0.9741 - 0.1522x + 0.6556x^2 - 1.0664x^3 + 0.9425x^4 - 0.4878x^5 + 0.1472x^6 - 0.02398x^7 + 0.00163x^8, \quad (A4)$$

assuming all pixels on the detector have the same response, where  $x = \text{counts}/10^4$  is the scaled counts of each pixel. We applied this nonlinearity curve to our WIRC data in the  $H$  band based on the assumption that the detector response remains similar for exposure times lower than 12s. We then divided each pixel's measured counts by its corresponding nonlinearity approximation in Section 2.1. We also applied this nonlinearity approximation to the  $K_S$  band data. However, the resulting difference in  $K_S$  is negligible, as expected from its high background levels. This global nonlinearity curve is applicable to all WIRC data obtained using the same HAWAII-2 detector and the same exposure times. However, since the flux-dependent nonlinearity varies from detector to detector, this function form cannot be applied to other instruments. Nonetheless, the measurement method described here can be applied to similar characterizations of HgCdTe IR detectors. Meanwhile, we also want to point out that tests conducted with adjustable, highly stable lamps with well known incident flux levels will provide the best results, and thus are highly recommended.

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